

# THIS WEEK'S OFFERING TO STIR THE BLOOD



January  
Clearance  
Prices

## 100 Girls Coats at Great Reductions

Mothers! Do Not Let this Wonderful Opportunity Pass

## 125 Ladies Coats at Big Reductions

## 150 Ladies Suits at Big Reductions



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## Mens and Childrens Underwear At Big Reductions

## Mens and Boys Overcoats and Suits at Big Reductions to Close Out Before Stock Taken

OUT-OF-TOWN PATRONS!  
ORDER BY MAIL TO-DAY?

*Boyer Bros. Department Store, Ontario, Oregon*

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In looking back over the achievements of Ontario for the past year, we find much to be proud of. It has been a really great year for Ontario and its surrounding country, and the realization is fully up to the anticipation of a year ago, for Ontario has improved in every way.

But a progressive and ambitious city always looks forward instead of backward. We must rejoice less over the achievements of the past and plan more for the big things of the future, if Ontario is to hold her premiership among the cities of eastern Oregon.

In 1877, the per capita indebtedness of the German empire was 41 cents. By 1914 it had increased to \$18.72. Today it is \$113.32. Britain's per capita is now \$123.68. Great Britain's debt has increased 75 per cent and Germany's has increased 500 per cent on account of the European war. How long will the credit of these countries stand up against these percentages?

That the total borrowings of all the European nations engaged in the war are \$19,000,000,000 and that this sum is greater than the total direct cost of all European wars that have occurred within 125 years, is the estimate of a writer in the New York *Advertiser*. In his table this writer sets down the amounts borrowed by the belligerent nations since the war started, as follows:

United Kingdom	\$5,739,000,000
France	2,078,000,000
Russia	2,591,000,000
Italy	425,000,000
Germany	6,415,000,000
Austria	1,831,000,000
Turkey	250,000,000
Total	\$19,226,000,000

Further tremendous borrowings are in prospect, not only to finish the war which may last a year or two yet, but to undertake the great task of rehabilitation. "It makes a gloomy picture," says the writer.

That the world should "slow down" and cultivate a sense of leisure and quiet, is the opinion of an editorial writer in the St. Louis *Republic*, who finds the hurry of modern life to be its greatest fault.

"The world has lost its silence," says the Republic. "By silence we mean, of course, a sense of leisure. That surely is gone. The lamps are no longer lit on quiet. Every minute is packed with noise or action. The phonograph, the 'movie,' the automobile, mean always something to hear, something to see, somewhere to go. That is the constituency the modern artist addresses. It has developed in him a new technic, a spur of the moment style. Were a Dickens here today, who would listen to him?

"We who have more time than ever, really have less than ever. The song in that forgotten opera of a few years ago, "I want what I want when I want it," hits us off to a T. We are votaries of the now. The present instant is our shrine. Speed up is the watchword. Culture, unfortunately, has become a cheapened word, but far more unfortunate is it that the fact of culture itself is threatened. For culture in its real sense, we take it, means thoroughness. "God is never in a hurry," said one of the Pilgrim fathers. It is the world's foolish, barbarous haste that is making it ungodly. Slow down."

Abe Martin says: "Some folks have a way of doing nothin' that can hardly be distinguished from real work."

Referring to the amount of advertising space taken up recently by the merchants of this city in the two

papers published here, the *Juntura Times* says:

"The newspapers in Ontario and vicinity are carrying heavy advertising these days. The Ontario merchants make a practice of cleaning up all unseasonable stock every year and consequently very little old goods is carried over on their shelves. This is a wise precaution and should be carried out by every live business man for it not only prohibits unsalable goods from accumulating but gets their money out of such and allows them to keep new goods all the time."

In recent years some of the modern thinkers have begun to question the use of school examinations as a means of getting the student to express his real knowledge of a subject.

Whatever the arguments for school examinations, it is a recognized fact that there is room for luck one way or the other. Some teachers when marking out their examination questions, do not recognize chance as a factor and consequently are often surprised in the results of the (so-called) test.

The method employed by some students of cramming facts into their cranium the night before examinations has been argued too much for discussion here, but from the standpoint of the student it might be said that the real cause for this cramming is the fear that the teacher will spring some surprise on him in the form of an examination question. A surprise of this kind is often given without the intention of the teacher as the meaning of a question may be interpreted one way by the student and another way by the teacher.

One of the latest and most important improvements in examination questions is that of doing away with the "cold fact system" of questioning and adopting a system which encourages discussion of the subject by use of the knowledge gained in its study. Thus the student has the opportunity of applying his knowledge, rather than merely stating what he has learned, as under the old system. Knowledge once learned is easily brought to memory by the necessity of its application to a problem, but knowledge half forgotten cannot be brought to mind by the sudden demand for its formal wording.

If Villa wants to get into vaudeville in this country, he should begin by saluting our flag.

Well, the members of the peace party won't have to pay their fares back, anyhow, and that helps some.

## COYOTE BOUNTY \$3 IN GRANT COUNTY

## SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

## O. S. L. TIME TABLE

Westward		
No. 17	Oregon Wash. Ltd.	Leave 8 a.m.
75	Huntington pony	1:35 p.m.
19	Oregon Wash E.	2:33 p.m.
5	Fast Mail	6:11 p.m.
Eastward		
18	Oregon Wash Ltd.	7:51 a.m.
76	Boise Pony	8:15 a.m.
4	Eastern Express	12:15 p.m.
6	Oregon Wash Exp	6:33 p.m.
OREGON EASTERN BRANCH		
Westward		
No. 139	Mixed daily except Sunday for Riverside	12:20 p.m.
VALE & BROGAN BRANCH		
Westward		
No. 141	Mixed Vale & Brogan Daily except Sunday	10:00 a.m.
9	P. m. Vale daily	7:00 p.m.
Eastward		
140	Mixed from Riverside daily except Sunday	12:01 p.m.
98	Pass. from Vale, daily 8:40 a.m.	
142	Mixed from Brogan & Vale daily except Sunday	3:30 p.m.
MAIL COUPON TODAY		
American Can Company Chicago, Ill.		
Please send booklet descriptive of American Adding and Listing Machine.		
Name _____		
Address _____		
Clipped from The Argus, Ontario, Oregon.		
NOTICE		
Notice is hereby given, that, after January 20th, 1916, all dogs running at large in the City of Ontario must be muzzled, as after said date all un-muzzled dogs found at large in said city will be taken up and destroyed.		
By order of the City Council, Clay M. Stearns, City Recorder.		

### PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

To the Citizens of Malheur county:  
I desire to announce that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for District Attorney at the coming primary election and solicit your support.

This office spends thousands of dollars of your money and I pledge myself to every economy consistent with good government. If elected I will devote my entire time and energy to the affairs of the office. Impartial enforcement of all laws, economic and suppression of useless litigation—my platform.

ROBERT M. DUNCAN.

#### NOTICE

I hereby announce myself as candidate for nomination to the office of Assessor on the Republican ticket subject to the choice of the voter at the primaries.

131f A. A. ROBERTS.

#### TO THE VOTERS OF MALHEUR COUNTY

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of District Attorney of this county. If nominated and elected will endeavor to fulfill the duties of my office in a fair, fearless and efficient manner and to the best of my ability, keeping in mind at all times my duty to the tax payers.

P. J. GALLAGHER.

#### FOR COUNTY CLERK

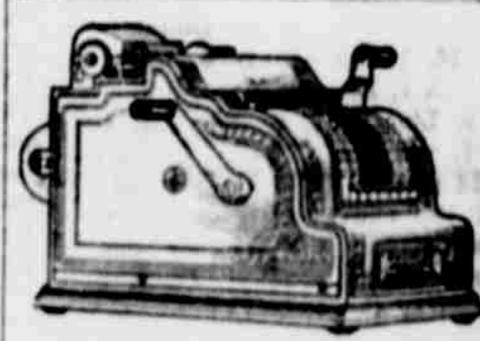
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk of Malheur County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican electors at the coming primaries.

V. B. Staples.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County School Superintendent of Malheur County in the coming Primary Election. If nominated I will, to the best of my ability, continue to work to further the educational interests of the county.

Fay Clark.



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